

Hampshire in 1847 by William Oakes (Hovey's Magazine, **13**: 174). Dr. A. J. Grout writes me that the only specimens of this species which he has were collected in Vermont, so the New Hampshire locality mentioned in RHODORA (**1**: 53) is undoubtedly an error. The Vermont plants were collected on both Willoughby Mt., and on Mt. Mansfield by Dr. G. G. Kennedy.

*Polytrichum Jensenii* is a plant which is known from Lapland, Finland, Spitzbergen, Greenland, Alaska, and the Yellowstone Park. The Maine plant which is here referred to this species grew amongst sphagnum in a bog at Presque Isle. It differs mainly from authentic material, kindly loaned by Mr. J. M. Holzinger, in having longer and somewhat flexuose stems, less rigid leaves, and thinner-walled marginal cells of lamellae.

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BOTANICAL EXHIBITION AT THE MEETING OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETIES OF NEW ENGLAND.—At the recent meeting to form a Federation of the Natural History Societies of New England, held at the rooms of the Boston Society of Natural History, there was an exhibition which visiting botanists found of some interest. The Appalachian Mountain Club showed a small collection of plants from above the tree line on Mt. Washington. These were mounted under sheets of transparent celluloid in such a way that they could be conveniently handled and examined without danger to the specimens, thus obviating a risk to which herbarium sheets, exposed to public view, are usually liable. Miss Cora Clarke of the Science Club showed a number of sheets of mosses, some of which were arranged as records of particular days of collecting. Professor R. H. Richards of the same club showed some strikingly instructive photographs of trees and shrubs, which exhibited successive stages in the development of flowers and leaves and fruit. In particular, two series, one of the Wych Elm and the other of the American Elm, each consisting of ten views of twigs taken at weekly intervals, were of special value as botanical studies. Harry A. Cash exhibited the Ricker mounts for plants. Miss Ella L. Horr, for the Worcester Natural History Society, had a collection of Ferns, Club Mosses, and Mosses, mostly from Worcester County. The Botany Class of the



Teacher's School of Science exhibited by request the collection of mosses, before exhibited, prepared by a committee of the class. The specimens were mounted in "simplex" celluloid mounts, on cards, in such a way as to admit handling and study with a hand lens without injury to the plants. The class also exhibited certain plants suitable for growth in school rooms, though seldom seen there, to call attention to their value as illustrations of adaptation to desert and other conditions, and of methods of vegetative propagation. The Barton Chapter of the Agassiz Association contributed about one hundred and twenty named fresh mosses as part of the collection of three members during the month of April, 1906. Most of these were collected in three localities near Boston and where moisture was necessary were bedded in *Sphagnum*.—M. EDNA CHERRINGTON.

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